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SUBJECT: THOUSAND ISLANDS BRIDGE

REF: STATE 38354

1. DEPARTMENT'S QUESTIONS PUT TO EXTAFF IN LETTER FORM
AND WE HAVE BEEN ADVISED THEY WILL BE ANSWERED PROMPTLY.

2. MCPHEE TOLD TCO FEB 19 BILL B-82 NOT LIKELY TO PASS
BY MARCH 1. BRIDGE WILL THUS REVERT TO PROVINCE OF
ONTARIO WHICH WILL ISSUE APPROPRIATE ORDER-IN-COUNCIL
DELEGATING RIGHT TO GOC TO OPERATE THE CANADIAN PORTION
OF THE BRIDGE. ST. LAWRENCE SEAWAY AUTHORITY (SLSA) WILL
BE GOC INSTRUMENTALITY.

3. SLSA OFFICIALS MET WITH TIBA ON FEB. 19 RE OPERATING
PROBELMS OF TRANSITION. REPORTS OF MEETING REACHING EXTAFF
WERE THAT IT WAS AMICABLE. SLSA AUTHORITY IN THIS AREA
FINALIZED. SLSA PRESIDENT NORMANDEAU TALKED TO TCO
IN SIMILAR VEIN FEBRUARY 20.

4. EMBASSY HAS ESTABLISHED LIAISON WITH APPROPRIATE
OFFICIAL NEW YORK STATE GOVERNMENT WHO HAS PROMISED
TO DETERMINE STATE'S INTEREST IN THE ISSUES POSED
BY GOC ACTION. WE HAVE SENT BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS
TO ALBANY AND ARE PASSING AS INFO ADDRESSEE SEPTTEL
WITH TEXT OF MOT FEB 19 PRESS RELEASE.

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